# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF G SPECTRUM
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the procedure and guidelines that was being followed for allocation of Second Generation (2G) spectrum in the country;

(b) whether the Department of Telecom has made any recommendation in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether demand and supply situation of 2G spectrum has been kept in view, while deciding its allocation and pricing of additional spectrum; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (c) The initial spectrum for Second Generation (2G) services is allotted as per the relevant provisions of the respective service license agreements, subject to availability.The Department of Telecommunications has formulated guidelines for allocation of additional spectrum, based on subscriber based criteria in consultation with Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and Telecom Engineering Centre (TEC).The existing subscriber based criteria has been announced on 17.1.2008, taking into account optimal and efficient use of already allotted spectrum.

(d) & (e) Yes,Sir.Allotment of additional spectrum is subject to justification,optimal-use,meeting of the subscriber based criteria and availability of spectrum. Pricing of additional spectrum has been fixed in such a manner that service providers use allotted spectrum optimally and efficiently before seeking additional spectrum.The pricing is reviewed from time to time taking all factors into account.